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## RUSSIA'S FOOD.

THE story that Russia is starving is proving about as true as half of the reports that come out of Petrograd. Dr. Frank Billings is the latest authority to deny that the Slavs are hungry. While he declares that the transportation facilities have almost utterly broken down, yet: "This winter, possibly, with the rioting that has occurred, there may be a great dearth of food in Petrograd and Moscow. People may suffer, but if conditions could remain as they were during the summer there would be no suffering, or not as much as will occur in certain portions of Chicago," says Dr. Billings. "The fact is that I saw fewer evidences of malnutrition in Russian than I see in Chicago. I saw no one, outside the hospitals, who was not well nourished, nor did I see an individual who was not fairly well clothed and well shod, excepting the beggar who wore the garb that enabled him to carry on his calling."

## BROTHERS OF THE I. W. W.

IT IS not at all surprising if the Russian ship at Seattle is here to assist the I. W. W. The Bolshevik's program is the I. W. W. program—the overthrowing of the present social order by the use of violence. The I. W. W. "philosophers" euphemistically call it "direct action," a mild term that means the destruction of machinery, arson and murder. The Russian Bolshevik overthrew Kerensky by using I. W. W. tactics. Trotsky, their leader, was a familiar of I. W. W. while in New York, is a close friend of leaders of the American I. W. W., and would undoubtedly readily do what he could to save his brother agitators in this country from the prison sentences that will so certainly be handed them. That I. W. W.-ism has been successfully crushed in this country while ascendant in Russia is an excellent example of the tremendous gulf between American thought and contemporary Russian thought—or lack of thought. This country is long experienced in democracy and knows the rules; Russia is a fretful infant reaching for the moon, but the great bear will learn from America eventually.

## THE NATIONAL DEBTS.

IF THE war should last through the summer of 1918 and the financing should continue at the same rate, the United States government would then find itself a creditor of various European states to the extent of about \$7,000,000,000. Of this amount about one-half would represent Great Britain's share. But, in turn, she would be in a position similar to that of the United States. During the first three years of the war Great Britain advanced to her allies and the dominions a trifle less than \$6,000,000,000, of which the share of the dominions was \$720,000,000, according to the Yale Review. As England is still supplying stores to the allies, these are being continued, on approximately the same scale. Thus, if the war should end after the 1918 campaign, both the United States and Great Britain would then have owing to them by various continental European states, principally Russia, Italy and France, the huge sum of roughly \$10,000,000,000. The effect of this upon international relations is quite incalculable. There are many possible interactions. But, unquestionably, this situation, in which various European states will owe to Great Britain over \$6,000,000,000 and to the United States about \$3,500,000,000, while Great Britain will in turn owe to the United States \$3,500,000,000, will increase the already great economic interdependence between the English-speaking people and will give them an unprecedentedly influential position in the world affairs.

## JOIN THE S. B. W. S. C.

UNITED STATES war savings certificates are much easier to carry than the chains of Prussian slavery. True, there is no danger of submarines in the Amargosa, the Truckee or the Humboldt. Are you ostich enough to think that fact renders Nevada safe? Take your head out of the sand, look over the situation, then go to the postmaster and ask for a thrift card and a war savings certificate and get busy filling them up!

Germany, they say, is getting short of ammunition; some of our Nevada boys over there may find themselves short, too, unless you get behind them with a few war savings certificates.

Drop your 'Spug' membership and join the new Liberty Society, the "S. B. W. S. C." The first two letters stand for "Society for Buying," the last three allude to war savings certificates.

Nevada's war saving certificate quota, \$2,225,680—"All for Our Country."

If Germany takes Nevada, most of your cherished privileges will be "verboten." However, as yet you are not "fo.bidden" to buy war savings certificates; in fact, you are rather encouraged to do it. Ask the postmaster.

Don't be a slacker—put the "slack" from this month's check into war savings certificates.

"To do the right as God has given us to see the right," it is essential that you buy your war savings certificates now.

The wooden leg has been capitalized at last. In a way it may have been capitalized, by mendicants who found it to be a real asset heretofore, but it was not until West Virginia became a bone-dry state that mankind awakened to its possibilities. West Virginia boasts a citizen who rivals his great forerunner, Silas Wegg, in craft and cunning. And just now West Virginia is an inviting field for the person of craft and cunning. In the circumstances, it is hard to operate with anything like success on the West Virginia thirst. This citizen of West Virginia had ambitions

Apparently those Goldfield Swedish scrappers who started out Christmas eve to clean up the Germans are not at all in accord with their pro-German rulers back in the old country, whose chief avocation seems to be the transmitting of distinctly unneutral notes from the kaiser's ambassadors in neutral countries to the kaiser, like the Luxemburg sink-without-trace series.

to become a "bootlegger," as it is called in the vernacular, but "bootlegging" has its drawbacks. Boots excite suspicion, and, besides, as he had only one leg all his original own, his profits would have been cut in half. Then it was that genius came to the rescue of necessity. A happy thought struck him. He followed out his wooden leg and equipped it with a faucet. It is unnecessary to tell the rest of the story. He did a land-office business—for a time. Then the informers got him, and the authorities are undetermined whether to charge him with "bootlegging" or whether to commend him to the war department as a person who, with proper encouragement, might solve the U-boat problem.—New York Telegraph.

## QUESTION OF INCREASING WOOL SUPPLY UP AT CONVENTION SOON

(By Associated Press.)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 27.—The question of increasing the wool and mutton supply, the conservation of meat, the laws affecting sheep in public domains, the prices the sheepmen should demand for their products and the problem as to the ways and means which should be adopted to exterminate predatory animals, will be discussed at the convention of the National Woolgrowers' association here January 17, 18 and 19. Dr. S. W. McClure, secretary of the association, predicts that more than 1000 sheepmen will attend. They will come from many points west of Missouri. In addition there will be wool buyers from Boston and Philadelphia and other centers, while packers at Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago, Denver and Portland will also be represented.

In view of the general desire that everything possible be done in the matter of supply and conservation, Dr. McClure says there can be no doubt that the attendance will break

### REFORM IN CURRENCY.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, Dec. 27.—Reformation of the Philippine currency system is provided for in a currency bill passed by the Philippine house and which seems certain of passage by the senate. It must be submitted to the president for final approval. It proposes to reduce the weight of the bullion in Philippine currency to the standard of the United States, thus avoiding the danger which menaced the islands recently when the value of the actual silver in the peso reached 20 per cent above the nominal value, while the bullion value of subsidiary silver coins was dangerously near the face value.

The bill also provides for the issue by the government of paper notes of the value of one peso. The lowest denomination bill heretofore issued by the government is of two pesos.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Comptroller of the Currency Williams is being discussed as the most probable selection for federal railroad administrator, should the president decide to name one. In the event Williams is not selected, informed persons believe Secretary McAdoo should undertake the work, not surrendering himself to a cabinet of railroad men. All developments indicated that a decision by the president will be made soon to begin federal administration of railroads.

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## MORE THAN HALF OF AMERICANS ON ISLANDS RETIRE

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

MANILA, Nov. 29.—More than half the Americans formerly in the employ of the Philippine government have been retired since July, 1913. There are now a few more than 1,200 Americans in the service, whereas, four years ago, just before the arrival of the new Democratic administration, there were more than 2,600.

Meanwhile there has been a steady increase naturally in Filipino employees of the government, the list showing 1,000.

The law which permits Americans of long service with the government to retire with a three-year pension ranging from 86 per cent of a year's salary to the full amount, is largely responsible for the number of American retirements which have increased very largely since the law was passed. The past year has seen 400 retirements and the previous year saw almost as many more.

The policy of the Harrison administration in training Filipinos as rapidly as possible for responsible posts in the government service has made the successors of these retired Americans almost entirely Filipino. This fact, together with the increasing activities of the government, due to increased prosperity in the islands, is responsible for the big increase of Filipinos in the government service.

### LONG BEACH FIRE.

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Fire today destroyed four buildings fronting on the board walk. The damage totaled \$200,000. Reports of incendiaries are under investigation.

(By Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—Exposure of a frustrated plot to poison Red Cross bandages and spread wholesale death among soldiers of America and her allies revealed that 3,400 bandages made by patriotic Toledo women were infected with a greenish poison in transit to Cleveland.

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## WEEKLY SHIPMENTS FROM TONOPAH MINES

Following is a comparative statement of tonnage from the mines of Tonopah for this week and three preceding weeks:

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 24
Belmont	2,565	2,767	2,582	2,646
Tonopah Mining	2,800	3,050		2,850
Tonopah Extension	2,350	2,350	2,380	2,280
Jim Butler	500	247	936	672
West End	1,128	1,099	859	1,159
Hulifax, Montana, Miscellaneous	218	122	449	94
Rescue-Eula				87
MacNamara	470	541	504	496
Total	10,061	10,206	7,710	10,244
Total to date, 1917, dry tons	\$45,296	Estimated value, \$8,208,978.		

### TIMBER SALES OF NATIONAL FORESTS DOUBLED LAST YEAR

Sales of national forest timber in the fiscal year 1917 were more than double those of 1916, according to the annual report of the forester. The total amount sold exceeded two billion feet and is valued at more than \$3,715,000. During the same period about 727 million feet were cut and removed, for which the purchasers paid \$1,507,303 into the federal treasury. The largest sales were made in Oregon, where about 683 million board feet were disposed of.

In addition to the timber sold, approximately 113 million board feet, valued at \$150,000, was cut under free use permit by more than 41,000 settlers living near the national forests and depending on the forests for firewood and building material to improve their homesteads.

The timber business on the east-

ern purchase areas, while still small as compared with the western forests, showed a decided increase, the report states. More than three times as much timber was sold and more than twice as much cut as in 1916. The material disposed of, it is pointed out, is largely of poor quality and its removal will improve the forest growth.

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